

**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**Balkan Alliance**

THE treaty of alliance which the Foreign Ministers of Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia signed at Bled formalises a situation which has existed in fact for eighteen months. It was during 1952 that the menacing attitude of their Cominform neighbours convinced the three Governments that some form of defensive co-operation was essential. The result has been that defensive plans for any contingency of a possible attack from the north have been worked out jointly. There is no common command or integration of forces as in the case of NATO, but the order of battle and mobilisation plans are now based on the assumption of mutual co-operation in the defence of the Balkans. There has thus been for some time what might be called a de facto defensive alliance, but none of the three partners had given any formal pledge to come to the assistance of another. Now the alliance is formal as well as factual. One obvious difficulty presented itself in the drafting of the pact. It was easy to deal with the contingency of direct aggression as the formula was based on the Atlantic Treaty—attack on and the others come to its assistance.

BUT there is another possibility. Greece and Turkey, but not Yugoslavia, are members of NATO. Therefore, the case might arise in which Greece and Turkey might find themselves involved in a war as a result of their obligations to come to the assistance of some other NATO member, but Yugoslavia would be under no such obligation. The solution is a familiar one. Yugoslavia agrees that in such a contingency the three would consult each other on measures to be taken in such a situation. More could not have been expected and all parties are satisfied and so are the NATO countries. But even so the overall position is still complicated and not satisfactory. There are now in Europe two defensive systems: NATO and the Balkan Alliance with Greece and Turkey forming the link between them, while there is no provision for eventual military co-operation between the two. Any planning for such co-operation would primarily concern Yugoslavia and Italy. But because of the Trieste dispute their relations forbid it and that involves a dangerous weakness in what is for geographical reasons a particularly vulnerable area—the historic Ljubljana Gap.

FORTUNATELY the prospects for Italy-Yugoslav agreement on Trieste are better than they have been and it is to be hoped that an agreement will be reached shortly. The next step might be Italy's accession to the Balkan treaty. The simplest and most logical solution would clearly be that Yugoslavia should herself become a member of NATO. However, the immediate problem as soon as the necessary relations between Italy and Yugoslavia permit is the forging of the link between the Balkan alliance and NATO. It should not be overlooked that the two treaties—of Ankara and Bled—do more than create a military alliance. They also provide for co-operation in other fields between the three Governments. This should provide a practical demonstration that not merely peaceful co-existence, but fruitful collaboration is perfectly possible between countries which have radically different social and economic systems—provided they can rely on each other's peaceful intent, tolerance and mutual respect.

# DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO SAVE EDC

## Land Values Rise To Peak Levels

By A Special Correspondent

Hongkong land values at present are probably as high as they have ever been, a leading Real Estate authority told the China Mail yesterday.

"You might even say they were artificially high," he said. "There have been some spectacular rises recently."

The reason for this was possibly the easiness of money in the Colony at present. Many people with 'idle' money on hand were seeking to invest it in land as a security and this had stimulated demand.

Recently a lot of money has entered the Colony from Indo-China.

"There was a period in 1949 when people had so much money on hand they didn't know what to do with it. They were scared of inflation. They put their money in land and prices rose quite high then," he added.

See P. 9—Share market interest in land sales.

## Congress Switches Its Stand

## Compromise Anti-Red Bill Passed

Washington, Aug. 19. The American Congress today overwhelmingly approved a new compromise anti-Communist bill which does not make membership illegal.

The Senate first approved it by a 79-0 vote; the House followed with a 265-2 vote of approval.

Republican leaders predicted that President Eisenhower would sign it. The measure was the product of a compromise between the Senate and House to meet administration objections.

The House approved the measure without debate after the Senate spent several hours talking it over.

Before giving its approval to the compromise measure, the House approved by a voice vote and sent to the White House Mr. Eisenhower's proposal to strip convicted American Communist conspirators of their U.S. citizenship.

The House adopted a Senate amendment which would limit the measure to party members who are convicted of performing a "willful" act.—United Press.

## ANDREW SISTERS

## TRIO BREAKS UP

Hollywood, Aug. 19.

The Andrew Sisters, famous American vocal trio, seem to have broken up for good.

After 20 years of team singing, Patty Andrews announced today she was going into television as a "single" because, she said, "I want to expand."

Recently she returned to Hollywood from a successful debut alone in a nightclub act at Las Vegas' Last Frontier Hotel. Not one customer, she said, inquired what happened to Laverne and Maxene.

"I think my doing a single is a success so I'm definitely going it alone," she said. "It opens up a new world for me—doing pictures, TV, everything."

Patty and Bob Crosby will make a pilot film of a musical comedy show that CBS-TV plans to release this autumn. Patty will do comedy, song and tap dancing in comedy, "something I've always wanted to do."

## Spaak Suggests Plan To Break Deadlock

Brussels, Aug. 19.

The Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak tonight tried to rescue the six-nation EDC conference from a deadlock threatened by the "I won't budge" attitude of M. Pierre Mendes-France on his amendments and the equally firm refusal of other EDC nations to accept the French proposals.

At the end of a tense afternoon session, M. Spaak put forward a compromise proposal aimed to sidestep the more crucial issues.

At the same time, London reports said Britain became alarmed at the deadlock and highly authoritative diplomatic sources made the statement that a modified EDC would be preferable to no EDC at all. Or, as one source said: "half a cake is better than no cake at all."

But Britain insists on two conditions before accepting the French amendments:

- (1) that they do not entail re-ratification of the treaty by Parliaments of those nations which have already sanctioned it,
- (2) the changes do not involve outright discrimination against other partners of EDC.

At the end of the afternoon session, M. Spaak suggested that France's amendments be divided into two sections—those not requiring Parliamentary approval to be dealt with immediately and others that present more difficulty to be held over.

His suggestion was expected to be considered tomorrow. But there is no indication whether it will be accepted.

It followed an all-day battle between the French Prime Minister and his EDC partners in which the usually persuasive M. Pierre Mendes-France failed to carry complete conviction.

RETURN TO PARIS  
The Spaak proposal, if adopted, would mean that M. Mendes-France would be obliged to return to Paris at the end of the conference without any agreement on the main points of his own plan.

The French Premier made a great effort to convince the other Ministers that failure to accept his EDC changes would mean the French Parliament rejecting EDC altogether. This

might be followed by an Atlantic alliance crisis which could only benefit Russia.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, expressed the general feeling of the other Ministers when he commented that changes which might help ratification in Paris could very well have the opposite effect in the other countries. But like the other Ministers he was careful not to shut the door on the possibility of finding a compromise solution.

COMPROMISE SCHEME  
It was towards the end of the day that M. Spaak put forward his compromise scheme.

The Spaak plan is to deal with the various French modifications in two stages.

Suggestions which do not involve further Parliamentary ratification will be dealt with at this conference. Suggestions which require action by the various Parliaments will be examined in each country and eventually accepted or rejected.

On the other hand, the existing EDC treaty has been ratified by France and Italy.

Italy and Holland which are insisting on the essential principles of supranationalism being preserved.

On the other hand, delegation spokesmen were insisting that despite this there was no scope for whom. A German spokesman said that despite appearances "a serious effort would be made tomorrow to salvage the conference."

A London report says Britain is now prepared to accept almost any kind of European arrangement in view of the dangers and pitfalls which its rejection would almost certainly entail.

The United States and British Governments are aware of the Kremlin's mounting efforts to restore the EDC as a key cog and of its race to stop German rearmament, officials said.

CLEAR-CUT DECISION  
Both the United States and Britain want a clear-cut decision now, one way or the other. If the EDC proves impossible, Britain would prefer outright rejection to further indefinite delays and a new period of uncertainty, the sources said.

The United States and Britain are committed to restore sovereignty to the Federal German Republic within the provisions of the Bonn conventions if the EDC is not ratified by France this summer.

If the Brussels talks were to fail it would be necessary to contemplate early steps to the rearmament of Germany and her rearmament in some other form possibly within the North Atlantic Treaty alliance.—United Press.

## NO ENTHUSIASM

The Spaak plan aroused no enthusiasm in the French delegation. It means the Premier returning to Paris without the clear-cut solution he had hoped for.

M. Mendes-France left Paris convinced he would have to get agreement for the major part of his proposals if he was to win over the French Parliament due to start discussing EDC on August 28.

Full effects of today's discussions and apparent deadlock could not be calculated tonight.

PROFOUND DIVERGENCE  
On the one hand there appeared to be a profound divergence between the French attitude calling for big changes in EDC and that of Germany,

## Queen Wears A 'Mac' And A Scarf



The Queen, simply dressed in a blue mac with a hood, a two-piece fawn coloured suit and a Paisley head scarf, steps from a car during her visit to the Sledmere stud farm. The Queen, who stayed for three days with Sir Richard and Lady Sykes at Sledmere House, was shown the pick of 24 colts and fillies at the famous Sledmere Stud, near Driffield, Yorkshire. — London Express Photo.

## Attlee Sees India's Rival Plan For Asian Defence Has Red China's Backing

From RENE MACCOLL

Peking, Aug. 19.

An Indian plan which has the enthusiastic support of the Chinese to set up an alternative to America's SEATO was put before the leader of the Opposition, Mr Attlee, in private talks he had with Mr Nedyan Ragavan, the Indian Ambassador to China.

Mr Nehru is all against the proposed SEATO. On his urgent instructions, Mr Ragavan sketched out the Indian plan for Mr Attlee. This would mean a South-eastern Asia mutual assistance pact in which, by a series of bilateral pacts, Britain, China, Indonesia and the Colombo powers—but not America—would pledge themselves to go to the help of any of the others which were victims of aggression.

Mr Attlee, according to highly-placed Indian sources, did not commit himself one way or the other. Mr Attlee must know that any such plan would strike a deadly blow at American world strategy and almost certainly bring an end to the Anglo-American alliance.

RETURN TO POWER  
But the Chinese are gambling on Mr Attlee returning to power in Britain at the next election. They think if he does he will be their firm friend.

The Attlee visit has enormously pleased the Chinese. The delegation has suddenly

ended the isolation of which the Chinese are so conscious.

As for the delegation, it is reasonable to suppose they are not displeased at the fuss which has been made of them and are not overlooking the fact they stumbled into the limelight of an apparently peace-making role.

(See also P.10 for further news of the Labour Visit to China).

## ISRAELI INVASION ALLEGED

Jerusalem, Aug. 19.

The Jordan Press Office said here tonight that 150 Israeli troops penetrated Jordan territory in Hebron area this evening and after a clash with Jordan forces retired leaving three dead.

The Press Office, situated in the Jordan sector of Jerusalem, said the Israeli troops crossed the demarcation line near Rahwa Village and penetrated one kilometre into Jordan territory.

The Israelis clashed with armed bedouins "for a long period" until Jordan home guards and Arab legion forces arrived and forced the invaders to withdraw.

The Israelis were said to have used three-inch mortars and automatic fire. There were no casualties in the Arab side, the Press Office said.

Jordan lodged a complaint with the Mixed Armistice Commission and asked for an immediate investigation of the alleged frontier violation.

## U.S. Naval Visit To Tachen Island

## Red China Accuses America Of 'Armed Provocation'

London, Aug. 19.

The New China News Agency reported tonight that American naval and air forces "in close action with the remnant Chiang Kai-shek forces, have intruded into the Chinese seacoast on the eastern part of the province of Chekiang," conducting armed provocation against the Chinese people.

The agency's despatch said: "At 0550 this morning, an American cruiser, a destroyer and four escort destroyers, in close action with Chiang bandit forces of Tachen Island, conducted activities off the seacoast east of Chekiang Province."

"On the same day, United States military planes in more than 100 single sorties on more than 40 occasions flew and circled near the Chiang-occupied Tachen Islands."

"A group of four of these planes were as far as to conduct reconnaissance activities over the seacoast east of Wenzhou and the area 10 kilometres north of Sungmen in Chekiang Province."

The agency said men of the United States Pacific Fleet and American military advisers on Tachen Island took part.

NO KNOWLEDGE

Washington, Aug. 19.

Defence Department officials said tonight they had no knowledge of any United States reconnaissance activity over the China coast near Formosa, as charged by the New China news agency.

A Naval spokesman said: "All we know is that four of our destroyers have gone to Tachen on a routine call and the crews were given normal liberty leave ashore."

The spokesman referred to an earlier announcement reporting that Admiral Felix Stump, United States commander in the Pacific, had visited the Tachen Islands to inspect Nationalist defences.

He travelled aboard a Chinese Nationalist warship accompanied by four American destroyers. The official report released in Formosa yesterday and in

## 45-Knot Gust Of Wind

For the past two days Hongkong has experienced brief heavy showers and gusty winds, bringing relief after a week of humid heat which made thermometers soar well over 90 degrees.

In the 24 hours ending at 11 a.m. this morning, rainfall measured approximately 7 of an inch. Most of the rain fell between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. last night.

Office workers experienced difficulty in keeping their umbrellas under control this morning. At 8.45 p.m. a gust of 45 knots was recorded at the Royal Observatory.

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of their two-day talks with the French, British, American, and Chinese representatives, and the Moroccan Affairs, M. Christian Fouchet.

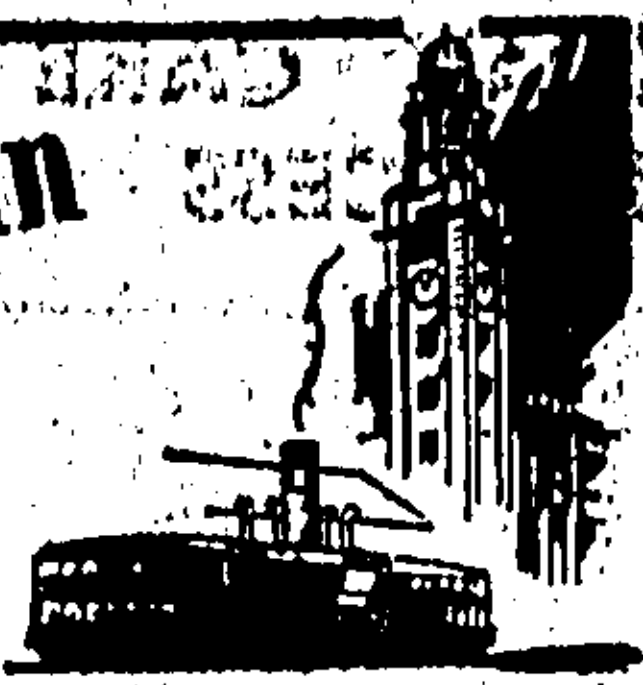
Our conversation with the Arab League secretary, who also told our reporter that he was one of the delegates who

which the Franco-Syrian negotiations are being held, Amar said.

M. Bourguiba spoke of the problems of the Arab League, and the situation in the Middle East, and the role of the Arab League in the Middle East.



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Even the oldest friends begin to falter...

## WATCH THIS MAN

TO the knowledgeable the chief threat to Britain's greatly weakened position in the Middle East no longer comes from Egypt.

It stems from another country with which Britain has long enjoyed a close military alliance — Iraq.

The threat became open on August 4. For earlier that day Nuri Said, the 66-year-old Premier of Iraq, formed a new Government — it was his fifteenth Premiership. That evening he broadcast to the nation.

Parliament was to be dissolved. New elections were ordered.

And his new policy? "The termination of the Anglo-Iraq Treaty."

The British would have to quit their base at Habbaniya and Shaiba — the R.A.F.'s forgotten strong-points.

This was no repetition of the Cairo routine. The differences were startling. In Egypt every Government for the past 30 years had sought to bring about British evacuation. None had been really friendly to the British occupation. And the man who three weeks ago concluded the deal in Cairo never pretended that he wanted anything but to get rid of the British.

### Ex-protector

But Nuri is the rock on which Britain's influence in Iraq — indeed in the whole Arab world — has been built.

He is the only surviving Arab leader who fought with Lawrence; he was in at the kill in Damascus. He served as commander-in-chief under Clayton and Cox.

He was the father and chief protector of the Treaty he now denounces. He was the originator of the Arab League.

He stood by Britain in 1941 when the Iraqi Government and army sided with the Axis; and he continued to stand by her — until this month.

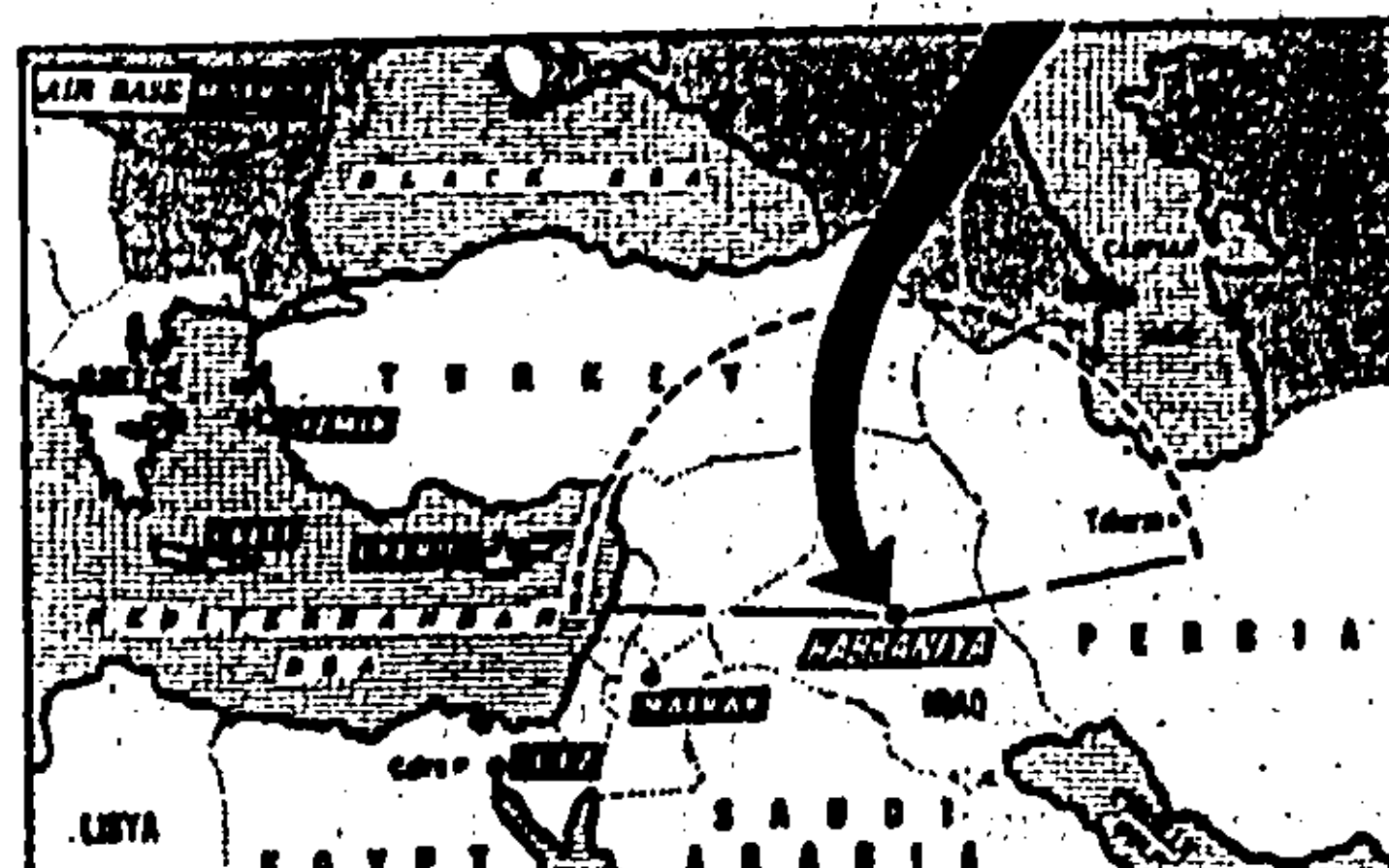
For 24 years — since Iraq became independent — Nuri has been the perfect barometer of British influence in Iraq. Three times, when Iraq turned against the British connection, he had to flee his country; and each time Britain's re-assertion of influence was demonstrated.

For Nuri was thereupon hailed (by the Manchester Guardian) as "Britain's best friend in the Arab world."



Prime Minister Nuri Said

## WATCH THIS PLACE



Map shows the key importance of the R.A.F. airfield at Habbaniya in the defence of the Middle East. Dotted area indicates 500-mile radius of fighter cover.

by Jon Kimche

strated by the return of Nuri to high office.

Three years ago, when the Egyptian Government abrogated its treaty with Britain, Nuri went out of his way to assure the British Government that in Iraq Parliament would be consulted before any changes were made in the Iraqi treaty with Britain.

Nuri was thereupon hailed (by the Manchester Guardian) as "Britain's best friend in the Arab world."

But by August 4, not even a lifelong friendship could gloss any longer over the strategic consequences of the Cairo agreement.

Nuri had drawn his conclusions. The barometer fell. The British were given notice.

Iraq's entry into the American-sponsored Turkish-Pakistan pact concluded last April.

For Nuri is no lightheaded idealist when it comes to negotiation. He knew what he could offer as his contribution to the new alliance. And he knew its value.

He dangled before the Pakistanis and the Turks — and before the Americans — the twin bases of Habbaniya and Shaiba.

Compared with the Suez base, the twin Iraqi airfields appear almost to be insignificant. Barely 3,000 R.A.F. personnel are stationed there, compared with the 60,000 men in Egypt.

Yet Habbaniya and Shaiba have become more important, not less so. Between them they provide the king-pin for the air defence of the Middle East.

They are the only two air bases that effectively protect the Middle East oil reservoir — almost half of the world's oil.

They provide the only effective air umbrella for the Middle East. These two bases will be producing this year over 100 million tons of oil to which the United Kingdom and all Western Europe depend for virtually their whole petroleum supply.

the air approaches to the rich oilfields of Persia, Iraq, and Arabia.

Without these effective forward bases in the oil region of the Middle East, which also cover the main invasion routes into Persia and Iraq, the new defence strategy outlined by the War Minister in Parliament would be doomed to failure.

For unless there are effectively defended reception centres available for the airborne troops which in an emergency, are to be flown there from Britain, the scheme clearly cannot work.

And the most effective line of defence against interference is that based on Habbaniya, linked with Mafraq in Jordan, Suq in Egypt, and Cyprus and also with the American air bases at Izmir in Turkey and on Crete.

Without Habbaniya and without Suez what would be left actually in the Middle East? Only the British contingent in Jordan at Mafraq and in Akaba.

They, in effect, will be the only British "force" left; last month they numbered fewer than 400 troops and an Air Force contingent.

So the British withdrawal from Egypt clearly marks not the beginning of a new era of British influence in the Middle East but its close.

### The price

Nuri has demonstrated that the price of Arab friendship is to pull quickly in Egypt, get out of Iraq as speedily as can be managed and meet any further Arab "aspirations" presumably in Jordan, Palestine, and Libya.

The argument is put forward that the West might then be stronger, that the British should not worry if the positions they quit are occupied along the lines of the new American conception of letting friendly local countries provide the forces with aid and help from the United States.

But what happens when the British leave Iraq and Nuri miscalculates as he did in 1948? He then negotiated a new treaty with Ernest Bevin. It was actually signed — when the Iraqis threw out his Government, and his treaty.

Nuri returned to Turkey rather than go back to his own country. The popular mood in Iraq appears to be no different today. No doubt Nuri will have no difficulty in getting rid of the British. He may find it much harder going to bring in the Americans.

All this raises grave questions about the practicability of the new defence conceptions. A mobile strategic reserve that cannot be moved to the Middle East at will and ease of need must produce serious concern in the United Kingdom and in Western Europe.

### Achilles Heel?

The Middle East has become Europe's second Ruhr. It is threatened, today perhaps less by invasion from the North than by closer disintegration and strife from within.

The new defence plan for the Middle East is no protection against that. And if Nuri has his way the British will have neither forward nor intermediate bases in the Middle East.

## Ceilings Vary With Rank

By LES ARMOUR

NEWS that London ceiling heights in the British Army's houses vary with the rank of the intended occupant will probably be passed off as another example of military common sense.

The War Office announces that ordinary soldiers are entitled to ceilings 7 ft. 6 in. high, junior officers to an extra three inches, and majors and above to 8 ft. ceilings.

Since it is generally understood that the amount of hot air a man generates increases with his rank, and it is accepted by scientists that hot air rises, the scheme seems sensible enough.

But it will probably be forgotten that this general understanding does not extend to the War Office. In these august halls, the suggestion that senior officers are producers of hot air would no doubt be met with a look suggesting that one's boots needed polishing.

The explanation, therefore, must lie somewhat deeper.

Indeed, bearing in mind the recent pronouncements of sociologists to the effect that civilian distinctions of rank are tending to disappear, thereby causing serious problems in society at large, it is possible that the War Office is looking to the future.

The tendency is probably spreading to the Army.

Differences in uniform for everyday wear, for instance, have already disappeared to a

large extent. Differences in diet are no longer generally tolerated.

And, what with posters all over the country screaming "You're SOMEBODY in the Regular Army" it may be doubted whether differences in prestige, and even authority are being retained at the old levels.

Any open return to the nasty old distinctions would, meet with violent public protests. On the other hand, the War Office doubtless feels that democracy should go only so far.

A six-inch variation in ceiling heights is surely as cunning a way of making the point as any.

Indeed, it might well spread to civilian life.

Thus, invited to a friend's house, one might surreptitiously take out one's tape-measure and give the wall a hasty run-down.

"Things must be pretty bad with old Smith," one imagines oneself saying, remembering one's own 9 ft. ceilings, "ceilings down to 7 ft."

Such a system would involve certain structural problems — builders would have to install movable ceilings to take account of possible promotions and demotions.

And some body (analogous to the one which now governs heraldry) would have to be established to make certain that citizens didn't claim status to which they were not entitled.

In event of such happenings, circulars in plain envelopes might be dispatched to one's acquaintances noting the breach and ensuring ostracism.

But perhaps it would be simpler just to let democracy take its course....

## THE PUFF-PUFF GIRL IS HERE

By Gordon Makin

THEY don't know it yet, but the pipe-smoking old women of Scotland's lonely islands are in the front rank of fashion.

For the latest thing in the world of fashion is "The Puff-Puff Girl."

This time, not the big fashion houses, but America's tobacco barons are dictating the new trend.

Panicked by scientific reports of an alleged link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer, the tobacco men are making an all-out bid to keep the custom of millions of American women smokers.

And they are doing it by trying to win them over to pipes. But pipes with a difference.

Recently, the tobacco men got together with the fashion house chiefs and staged a mannequin show to demonstrate that a girl can still look like a lady with a bowlful of shag smouldering six inches from her rose-petal lips.

Trying desperately to look as if they'd been doing it all their lives, glamorous models swayed back and forth puffing at short striped pipes to match striped beach suits.

In evening gowns they drew tentatively on exotic pipes studded with imitation rhinestones and rubies.

In pink pyjamas a model tripped down the show's runway wheezing over a foot-long smoking-piece. An announcer told the audience that she was smoking a mildly aromatic mixture to blend with the faint odour of boudoir perfume.

The announcer gushed: "Just the thing for when a woman wants to be alone." Men in the audience looked at each other with a "she ain't kiddin' look."

Lowliest tonsils took a dreadful beating. Watery eyes wreaked havoc with mascara and off-stage the models coughed over the blend of tobacco and burnt wood.

Coughing over, they gratefully lit up again — with cigarettes.

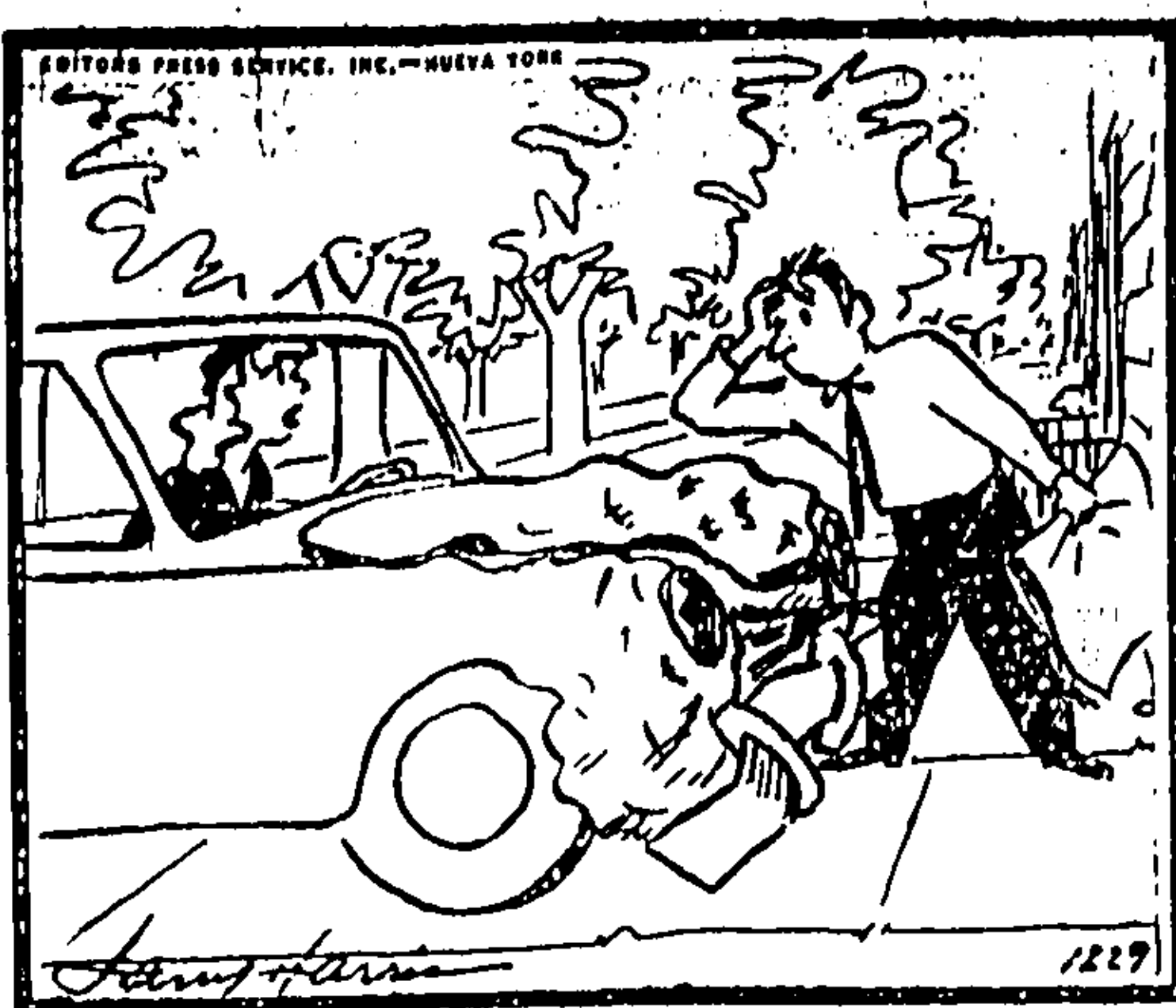
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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Action Pays Off At Bridge Table

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN West opened the ace of clubs in today's hand, he didn't say a word. Since actions speak louder than words, however, let's see what this opening lead actually meant.

If the ace of clubs could have spoken, it would have said: "Partner, I have decided to disregard your bidding. I know better than you do what is needed to defeat this contract."

As events turned out, this would have been a very foolish speech for the ace of clubs to make. Dummy ruffed the opening lead with the king of diamonds and promptly led the queen of diamonds at the second trick.

There was no way for East to stop the slam. He could take his ace of trumps, but then South was sure to get as many discards as he needed on dummy's long spades.

Now let's go back to the opening lead and see why it meant a complete disregard of East's

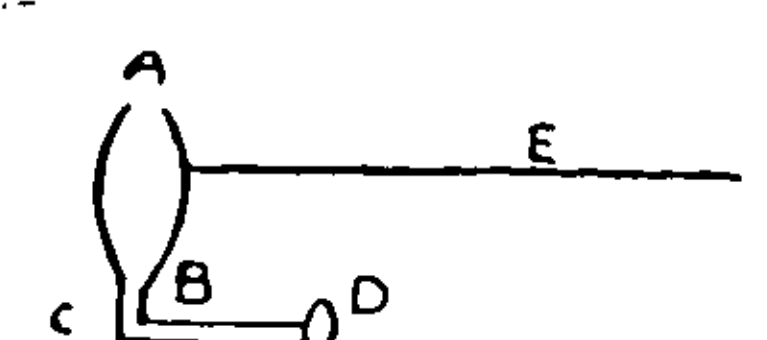
## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

A CRITIC who complained the other day that characters move about the stage too slowly forgot that slow movement may be very pathetic and expressive.

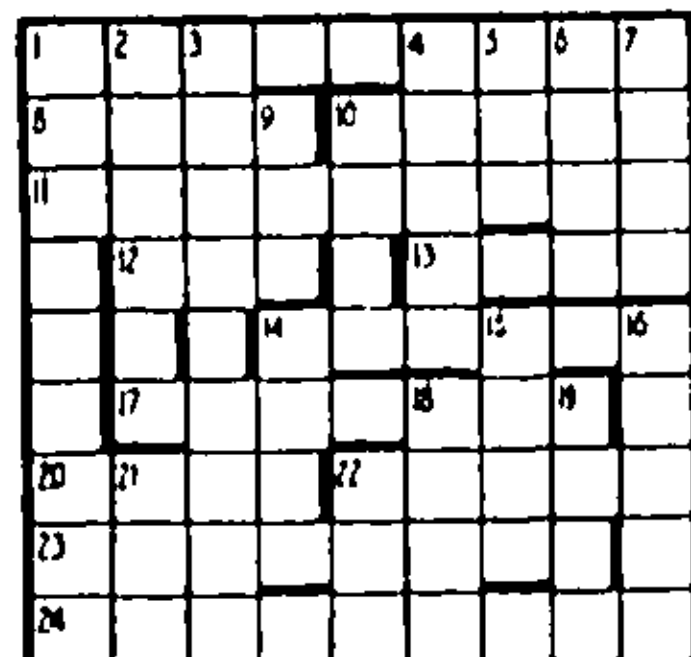
I refer him to a stage-director in Canning's play "The Rover". Several soldiers cross the stage slowly, as though returning from the Seven Years War. There's realism for you! If they dashed across the stage, the illusion would be destroyed.

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## CROSSWORD



- Across
- Motor rock (anagram). (10, 4)
  - Maurice, without the mighty and. (4)
  - Handle an axe by and for this. (13, 6)
  - He puts over a lot of drinking. (13, 6)
  - Oct. 1st figure on November 5. (13, 6)
  - Called by all the best players. (13, 6)
  - Pointed to become a traitor. (13, 6)
  - Deputy is traditionally not one. (13, 6)
  - Sacred to Egyptians once. (4)
  - You're urged not to do this to the planet. (13, 6)
  - The Pines Inn makes a game played there. (13, 6)
  - There's a European touch about this name for one Briton. (13, 6)
- Down
- Number 7. A rise brings this out on top. (9)
  - Something this can be deadly. (9)
  - The river in Apote. (9)
  - Stem backwards, practically. (9)
  - This describes the man of the river. (9)
  - Hot place in Coventry. (9)
  - Solely and simply a lie. (9)
  - Beginning and end of sanity. (9)
  - and the beginning of heresy. (9)
  - Order from the chemist geographically? (4)
  - He works in Latin America. (4)
  - It may be a bit expensive, but you can learn from him. (4)
  - Fun, you might say—Not out! (4)
  - Outsize in the Engineers? (4)
  - Publicist who's been. (4)
  - Early town from Sparta. (4)

SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

## DUMB-BELLS



Action Pays Off At Bridge Table

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN West opened the ace of clubs in today's hand, he didn't say a word. Since actions speak louder than words, however, let's see what this opening lead actually meant.

If the ace of clubs could have spoken, it would have said: "Partner, I have decided to disregard your bidding. I know better than you do what is needed to defeat this contract."

As events turned out, this would have been a very foolish speech for the ace of clubs to make. Dummy ruffed the opening lead with the king of diamonds and promptly led the queen of diamonds at the second trick.

There was no way for East to stop the slam. He could take his ace of trumps, but then South was sure to get as many discards as he needed on dummy's long spades.

Now let's go back to the opening lead and see why it meant a complete disregard of East's

NORTH 25			
AKQJ85			
AJ97			
KQ8			
None			
WEST (D) EAST			
10 7 3		AKQJ85	
8 4		AJ97	
7		KQ8	
AKQJ853		AK10764	
SOUTH			
8 4 2			
3 2			
J 10 8 5 4 2			
2			
North-South vul.			
West	North	East	South
3	4	5	6
Pass	4	5	6
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Opening lead—A			

## A chance in a million

AT the end of this week I depart on what can hardly be called a holiday. I am going on the expedition organized by the Glossop Town Band in search for the lost lake outside Nantwich. The lake, mentioned by Agricola, disappeared after a kind of minor earthquake in 1064, and there is every reason to believe that it simply went underground.

## Easily explained

Prodrome: It is not what one might call crystal-clear why the Glossop Town Band should be needed on the search for a lost lake at Nantwich.

Myself: The latest experiments, carried out at Wyoming University, have shown that water-divining twigs attached to certain musical instruments will discover the whereabouts of water.

Prodrome: Surely the twigs do that without the aid of any trombones.

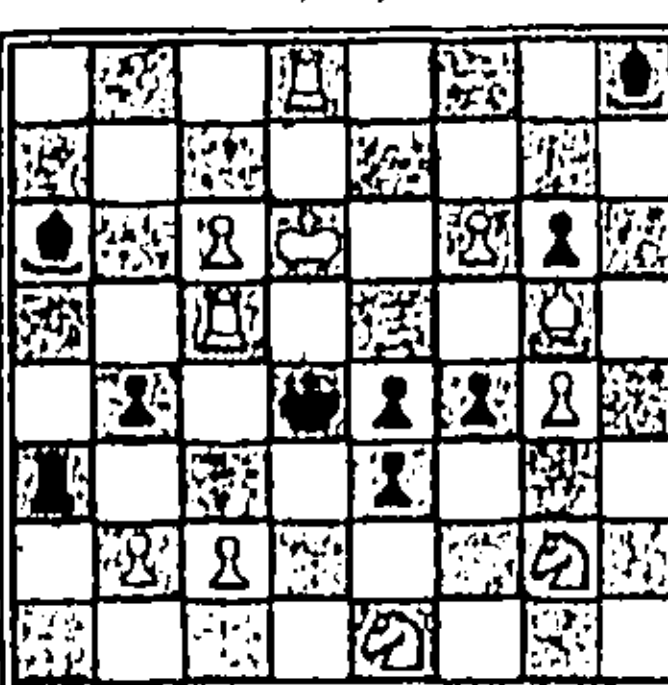
Myself: Of course they do. But it is a dull business. Music brightens things up.

Prodrome: Then are the musicians water-diviners?

Myself: Not necessarily, but it helps.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By G. THOMAS  
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# WOMANSENSE

## Film Star's Outstanding Dress Sense

London. JUST WHERE could you find a British film star who looks like the girl on the right?

Elina Labourdette is a 34-year-old French actress with—told for it—an outstanding dress sense.

Elina—of the Jean-Louis Barrault Company—insisted on choosing all her own clothes for the film "Paris Affair"—which she is making here with Alec Guinness.

She wouldn't leave it to the wardrobe mistress. She wouldn't have British clothes. She brought her own look, stock and barrel, from Paris.

## IT'S A PASSION

Result: The smartest sight on or off the set in years. She gives these clues to her own dress success:—

FIRST: "I am passionately devoted to clothes. I treat them seriously and give them the thought and study other people give to business."

SECOND: "I am never too influenced by fashion. I have a small waist and I am going to show it with nipped-in dresses whatever designers may say."

British clothes? Said Miss Labourdette with a calm smile: "I'm told they are wonderful. Unfortunately I have never discovered them."

— Venetia Murray



ELINA wears a plain grey flannel suit—but the secret is in the details. The Peter Pan collar—the size makes it so smart; the trimmings—grey buttons on white pique cuffs; the white straw boater worn as a sailor's cap.

## TRY NOT TO BE A SLOUCH

By HELEN FOLLETT

GOOD posture is essential to perfect appearance. The trimmest figure loses its lovely lines when milady's carriage is slouchy and she looks awkward in motion.

A serious posture slump isn't only unattractive but a health menace, too. It can lead to definite physical ills. Quite often poor posture results in a feeling of fatigue.

If you tend to slouch, better straighten up. Remember that you can't be a lady of fashion unless you know how to stand. Here's the formula for good posture: shoulders straight, chest

high, abdomen flat, legs straight but not rigid, feet parallel, weight evenly balanced.

Stand this way and your figure will look better. Good posture calls attention to a slim waist.

When shoulders fall forward, the chest flattens and your breathing is not what it should be. Shallow breathing slows up circulation. It's a vicious circle.

When you walk, cultivate a springy step. It will make you seem young and full of bounce. Learn to sit pretty, too. Place

yourself far back in the chair. Keep your back straight, feet on the floor close together. If you must cross legs, cross them at the ankle. It makes a more attractive picture for the on-looker.

Before going to sleep, do a few stretching exercises. Raise arms over your head and stretch, stretch, stretch! Then, standing with legs apart, try to pull yourself apart at the waistline.

Stretching is relaxing. More than that, it gives you a chance to take the kinks out of your muscles after a busy day.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Chirpie Has Visitors

— And Everybody Ate Dinner but the Host! —

By MAX TRELL

CHIRPIE SPARROW came to the window sill. He uttered three sharp whistles. He paused for a moment, then uttered three more sharp whistles.

A few seconds later, Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, opened the window from inside their room. On looking out and seeing Chirpie, they both greeted him.

### A Hungry Sparrow

"I'm kind of hungry," Chirpie said, after he had returned the greeting. "That's why I came here. I'm pretty hungry. I hope you don't mind."

"Would you like some bread crumbs?"

"Oh, yes, thank you. That would be fine. Bread crumbs would be just right," said Chirpie.

Hanid hurriedly got some bread crumbs which she placed on the window sill and which Chirpie, without any delay whatever, speedily gulped down. Finally, after he had eaten all the bread crumbs and had wiped his bill (as we might wipe our lips) on the edge of the window sill, Chirpie turned to Knarf and Hanid and said: "I suppose you're wondering why I was so hungry."

"It must have been," said Knarf, "because you didn't have anything to eat."

Chirpie said: "Yes, that's true. But the curious thing is how I managed not to have anything to eat. It wasn't because there was any lack of food. There's always plenty of food for me, on a dozen different window sills in the neighbourhood. The trouble was I had

"Oh, quite a lot," said Chirpie. "Pigeon came. Squirrel came. Robin came. Wren came. Thrush came. Magpie came. Mouse came. And I think there were others, but I'm afraid I didn't get around to seeing who they were on account of the fact that everyone else got in my way. In any case, I got around to shaking hands with and talking to as many of these friends as possible. Then I looked at my watch and saw that it was near dinnertime. So I asked if anybody was hungry."

"Were they?" asked Knarf.

"Were they?" exclaimed Chirpie. "You've never heard anything like it. Everyone of them started chirping and squeaking and quacking and they never felt so hungry in their lives. 'All right,' I said. 'Come with me. We'll all eat.'"

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## How New Fashions Are Created

Three leading American designers describe what went on behind the scenes before creation of the autumn and winter fashion collections now being shown in New York. Mollie Parris, whose specialty is dresses, begins —

New York. So you think you could design clothes. Well, here's an invitation to try it.

There is one unavoidable type—or should I say "bore?"—Every dress designer encounters almost daily. It is the frustrated designer—the woman who "simply loves clothes" and feels this passion fully qualifies her as a fashion creator.

For even the most talented designer is only a cog in a large and complicated machine known as "the firm."

A lovely dress must also be wearable or count zero for the designer. And fashion is a painstaking craft as well as an art.

The work on a collection starts about five months before it is shown to the public.

I call together my associate designers, my fabric buyer and my salespeople. The salespeople review the best-selling dresses of our current collection—you've no idea how quickly you can forget a dress once you've sent it out into the world.

## The Feeling

Next, I outline my feeling about clothes in general—what I think women will want to be wearing.

Then my assistant designer, the fabrics buyer and I go on a fabric-buying expedition that lasts several weeks and forms the basis of our entire collection.

Next step is up to me. I study the fabrics and assign them to my associates. Each member of the design staff is given fabrics which have the "feel" of his particular talent.

When the sketches are submitted, we discuss each in detail, and I decide which ones shall be produced, first in muslin, then as the dress itself.

BEN ZUCKERMAN, suit and coat specialist, says "it's like show business"

THE fashion business is like show business. There is the same excitement, the same gamble and often the same crisis in putting a fashion

collection "on the road" as in aiming for a Broadway hit. It is a sure thing the fashion producer and the theatrical producer have several things in common.

In both cases, experience is no guarantee that you will produce what the public wants.

Both cost money. Any significant fashion collection involves upwards of US\$100,000. But, whereas the number of critics covering a Broadway opening is limited, those "covering" fashion collections stretch the length and breadth of the nation.

For a representative autumn and winter collection of coats and suits must cover at least four different climates—more varied than the whole of Europe and Great Britain.

## A Hit or a Lemon

We "audition" ideas for months in advance. We plot our fabrics and types of costumes and decide which silhouette shall be starred.

It takes six weeks to bring a single new coat silhouette off the sketch pad and onto the body of a fashion model—or about as long as it takes to rehearse a Broadway show. Multiply the six weeks by 25 to see how much work goes into a tailored collection of clothes.

After months of work behind closed doors, my collection opens "cold" to the audience of experts.

There is no chance to try out, out of town; no opportunity to doctor a weak part of the show.

The fashions are a hit or a lemon—depending on the "critics" in every state of the union.

SALLY VICTOR, noted milliner, says "be a fashion explorer"

THE hardest part of designing hats is getting the idea for the collection.

My line is started when "it" happens. "It" is when I get the very first idea for a new group. Sometimes, every time that comes to mind



# A STORY BOOK ENDING TO MARJORIE JACKSON'S RUNNING CAREER

When the time comes for them to quit, all sportsmen must secretly hope for a story book ending to their career. A last dashing century.... a last brilliant race.

Auburn-haired Australian Marjorie Jackson, fastest woman sprinter in the world, has turned that dream into reality.

At the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Vancouver, Marjorie (Mrs Nelson) announced her decision to retire from the track. But not before adding a final touch of brilliance to her already outstanding record.

The girl they call the Blue Flash won the women's 100 Yards in 10.7 seconds—a time which would have set up a new Games record but for wind aid. She was first home, too, in the 220 Yards and her time of 24 seconds equaled her own world record (which awaits ratification). And just to round things off she threw in a third gold medal by helping her home country to first place in the Women's 440 Relay.

## STILL ONLY 22

And Marjorie is still only 22 years of age.

Marjorie always had youth on her side. A natural runner, she had the look of a world beater in a sprint race.

In her home town of Latrobe, a New South Wales mining centre 90 miles from Sydney, the little people thought so much of her talent as a sprinter that they built a road track for her. Marjorie hoped to use it for training, but a young man who was a good investment.

Later most big times in her career, Marjorie also had her share of luck. In the 100 Yards, she was running at a pace which was not far from perfect. She was running at a pace which was not far from perfect. She was running at a pace which was not far from perfect.

Marjorie also became a typical after the fact school, was 10 when the 1948 Olympic Games were held at Wembley. Even at that age she was considered good enough to visit England with the Australian team. Why didn't she make the trip? Father said no. He considered his daughter was too young.

It was at these 1948 Olympics, it will be recalled, that Mrs. Fanny Blankers-Koen, the Flying Dutchman, swept to victory in the sprints. How would young Marjorie have fared at that time against her? That has been an item for conjecture ever since.

But the world did not have to wait long before the two did meet. The following year in Sydney, Mrs. Blankers-Koen and the unknown girl, now 17, competed twice over 100 Yards. The outcome was a sensation. Marjorie won—both times.

## RARELY OUT

After that, of course, her name was rarely out of the athletics headlines. Over the short sprints, record after record was swept aside by her flying feet.

It went like this: February 1950—at the Empire Games in Auckland, she twice equals the world record of 10.8 seconds for the 100 Yards held by Mrs. Blankers-Koen; and in the 220 Yards equals the world record of 24.3.

April 1950—at Sydney, she sets up new world record for 100 Yards of 10.7 seconds.

Britain had her first look at this girl wonder in 1952 when she appeared at White City shortly before going on to Helsinki to represent Australia in the Olympics there. Thirty thousand spectators—shocked Londoners gaped when she ran.

## Craven First For Speedway World Championship

London, Aug. 19. Peter "Tiny" Craven, little more than five feet tall, is the first speedway rider to qualify for the World Championship at Wembley next month.

Making the second preliminary Championship round appearance last night, the 20-year-old Craven collected 13 points at Harringay and having had a maximum 10 on the home track at Belle Vue, Manchester, last week-end, he has an aggregate of 23.

It is estimated that only riders with 23 or more points will qualify for the final.

Split Waterman, Harringay's own star, topped the totals last night with 14, being once to Cyril Bunney. Other qualifiers last night were Brian Brand of Norwich, 13; Jack Briggs, Harringay, 12; and Roy Rogers, Norwich, 10. Craven's 13th point came from a win over Rogers.

100 Metres in 11.7 and 100 Metres in 24.2. No girl had done that in Britain before.

When Marjorie went to hospital for an X-ray after the White City meeting and it was found she had a strained muscle, there were some fears for her fitness for Helsinki.

Could the 20-year-old girl still beat the world's best? There was no need for anxiety. She ran brilliantly.

In the 100 Metres she ran 12.1 seconds in 11.7 seconds, a second outside the world record—and then swept to victory in the final at 11.5, equalling the time achieved by



MARJORIE JACKSON

Heran Stephens (American) in Berlin in 1936 and Mrs. Blankers-Koen four years earlier at Wembley. She won one better in the 200 Metres by creating a new world record of 23.4.

## FORTHRIGHT

One reason for Marjorie's popularity during her career has been her forthrightness. Go back to the Helsinki Olympics again. Remember her in the women's 440 Relay? She

But the most important date in her life was November 7 last year. In her home town, Marjorie became the wife of Peter Nelson, an Australian Olympic cyclist. Their romance blossomed more than a year earlier at Helsinki, but they kept it secret for ten months.

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dropped the baton at a change-over and her mistake led to the Americans beating the Australian team.

Marjorie made no bones about it. It was her mistake. "I knocked it out of my hand with my own hand," she admitted. But her determination to atone for her teammates' loss was shown not long afterwards when she purposely put herself out to race in a team event in Britain. This time she didn't drop the baton.

Marjorie also has a mind of her own. Early on in her athletic career friends tried to persuade her to cut short her shoulder-length hair. It would improve her speed, they reasoned. Marjorie liked her hair long. It stayed that way.

World champions are seldom the best stylists. This is true of the Blue Flash. She has a peculiar air about her and when running it is more as if she is swimming the crawl stroke.

Some athletic critics will tell you she has not enough body. A little bit more would have helped her. But she has made full use of her arms, that her stride has lengthened. Some even say she would be a better middle-distance runner than sprinter.

Yet her natural sprinting prowess has brought her most of the honors. In December 1952, she became the first woman to be named the outstanding amateur sporting personality of the year in Australia. In the middle of the following year she became an MBE for her contribution to sport.

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"The athletes must be given a period of rest between the training sessions and the preparation for the Championships. They have priority over any international competition, and an Association spokesman, commenting on the organization's decision, said: "United Press."



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Days of the feather-headed English footballer are over. Bob Donnisson, ex-Northampton manager, who hails from Amble, Northumberland, and is now manager of Second Division Middlesbrough, will tell you so.

"We've been taking things too easily since the war," he says.

"The sooner we all realise that football is our job, and that no amount of training and preparation is too much to put into it, the sooner will England regain her supremacy." "The Continentals, with no better basic material, have put more into the game. And that's what I'm asking the boys here to do—to go all out with me to produce something as near perfection as possible." So, thorough players are having an intensified work-out based on the development of body dexterity allied to speed and ball play.

## CAUGHT ON

Says Harold Shepherdson, chief trainer: "The lads have caught on to the new boss's ideas. They are desperately keen."

Name of Will Manton will be missing from his first-team about "Golden Boy" has become the "Problem Child". Will, still unsigned, wants a guarantee which would take care of the years ahead.

Much of the Donnisson hopes rest on centre forward, Keri McPherson, a £15,000 buy last season from Notts County.

Bob, has great hopes of young Sam Lawrie, a Scot who shaped well on the right wing last season. Joe Raymond, a West Hampool apprentice, also a winger; Joe Birbeck, a wing half in the Forces; and John Robinson, lanky inside forward stand-in for Manton.

## WAR DECLARED

War has been declared by Norwich City on a nine-letter word.

For four seasons it has haunted the club, given directors sleepless nights, produced an outsize anxiety complex among the players.

The word is PROMOTION. Now on one day mention this around the Carrow Road ground, "Look what that one word has done to us," declares handsome Norwich manager Norman Low. "Second in the Third Division (South) in season 1950-51, then third, then fourth, and last season seventh."

The more promotion talk the more games lost seems the Norwich experience in recent years. So only a gentle forecast from Low—

"I anticipate a good season but every year it's getting tougher and tougher in the Third."

THIRD MASTER MOVE? Expect badly winger Don Roper to switch to back for Tom Whitaker's third master move at Highbury. No. 1 was Pete Goring (centre-forward to wing half); No. 2, Dill Dickson (wing half to centre-half).

"Roper is one of the finest backs I have ever played against," who says "not Stan Matthews, enough said."

"Gentleman" Roper moves back when Whitaker solves his top problem—signing a star winger.

Gamble with youth at Queen's Park Rangers. Average age of the League side this season will be 22. "Youngest ever in the club's history," said manager Jack Taylor.

Six-foot Keith Rutter, 22-year-old back from the Leeds district, has been signed as a professional after playing for the first time in the last game of the season.

Oh, how much travelled Taylor wishes he could find another "dashing Scot like centre-forward Willie Clarke. "He's getting better, faster, and shoots harder with every game," says Taylor.

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# Devastating Bowling By Bob Appleyard And John Wardle

London, Aug. 19. Devastating bowling by Bob Appleyard and John Wardle on a damp wicket saw Hampshire bundled out in their first innings by Yorkshire for 51 runs today, their lowest score of the season.

Yorkshire, leading the County list, seemed assured of victory against Hampshire, who followed on needing 219 runs for victory with nine second innings wickets standing.

Appleyard gave a splendid performance in the bright sunshine before a record crowd, taking six wickets for 12 runs, while Wardle took four for 22.

Surrey, County Champions, saw their chances of retaining the laurels improved when they defeated Worcestershire by ten wickets and climbed to within two points of Yorkshire.

Peter Loader, due to go to Australia, took six of Worcestershire's second innings wickets, for 32 and 14 for 11 during the match.

Alec Bedser, the Surrey medium-fast bowler, proved his worth as a batsman as well by scoring 58 runs before being caught out.

Derbyshire, who until today held the position at the head of the list, were unable to play at all because of rain. Only two hours 10 minutes cricket was played on the first day, and Middlesex reached 32 for four.

Even if the full six hours is possible tomorrow, Derbyshire's chances of forcing a win will be only slight.

Lancashire had another blank day—their 10th of the season—when rain killed all hopes of play with Gloucestershire for the second successive day.

In the Warwickshire-Leicestershire match, play did not begin until 5.20 p.m. and lasted 15 minutes. The first two days yielded 24 runs for one wicket in a total of 89 minutes play.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At Chesterfield: Middlesex 32 for four versus Derbyshire. No play owing to rain.

At Bathurst: Yorkshire 113 and 216. Hampshire 51 and 60 for one.

At Manchester: Lancashire-Gloucestershire no play today.

At Birmingham: Leicestershire 24 for one versus Warwickshire. Only 30 minutes play possible.

At Worcester: Surrey beat Worcestershire by 10 wickets. Worcestershire 184 and 99.

(Loader, right arm fast medium, six for 22. Surrey 270 (Crick 60, McIntyre 57, Alec Bedser 58) and seven for no wicket.

At Dover: Nottinghamshire 231 and 160 for eight (Clay 79). Kent 164 (Cowdrey 85, Donald, right-arm legspinner, four for 41).

At Taunton: Somerset 287 for nine declared (Learner 101, Tyrone, right-arm fast, five for 82). Northamptonshire 260 for eight (Livingston 83).

At Eastbourne: Glamorgan 142 and 99 for seven. Sussex 371 (Parks 74, Cox 133, Watkins, left-arm medium, seven for 99).

—Reuter.

## HKRA SHOOT

The regular bi-monthly Spoon Shoot of the Hongkong Rifle Association was held at Kaitak "A" Range last Sunday on one of the hottest days so far this year.

Despite the warm weather conditions over 30 members attended the shoot.

The next Spoon Shoot will be held at Kaitak "B" Range on Sunday August 29, commencing at 9 a.m. sharp. Firing will be at 200, 500 and 600 yards. Spoon will be again awarded to the winners in each class.

The following are the winners of last Sunday's shoot:

S.S. (B) 300x 500x 600x Aggregate

Class "A": Mr. Wong Bot 33 35 51 87

Mr. Kwok 33 34 20 87

Class "B": Mr. Wong 28 30 30 88



Sportmen's wives rarely hit the headlines. The job of looking after the men in the limelight is a behind-the-scenes one. For once, the position is changed. Today, as her husband nurses himself back to health after the most gruelling Marathon race in athletics history, the whole world thinks and sympathizes with Mrs JIM PETERS. Sympathizes? Here the wife of England's most gallant athlete tells her own story, and says—

## Don't Pity, Please, I Am Proud Of My Husband

Please don't pity me. I'm not grieving over the terrible struggle my husband had in the Vancouver Marathon.

I am proud the full story has been told so that everyone can know that Jim Peters loves his country well enough to give everything he has to it.

I am glad the Duke of Edinburgh was there to see Jim's wonderful effort. He too will realise there are still men who place Britain's glory before everything else.

## Chestnut Hill Tournament

Chestnut Hill, Mass., Aug. 19.

America and Australia put one team apiece into the semi-finals of the 74th National Doubles Tennis Championships today, splitting two quarter-final matches on the rain-splattered Longwood Cricket Club courts.

Second-seeded U.S. twosome Billy Talbot and Ham Richardson beat third-seeded Aussie 17-year-olds Ashley Cooper and Roy Emerson who played surprisingly poor tennis. The score was 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

In marked contrast, top ranking Lewis Hoad and Ken Rosewall of Australia displayed Championship form in beating fourth-seeded Gardner Mulloy and Art Larsen, 7-5, 6-1, 6-4.

Team captain Harry Hopman did not see the match, but said Cooper and Emerson explained they were "pressing too much and seemed a bit let down after yesterday's marathon, 62-game match with Don Flie and Bill Quillian.

## Championship And League Bowls

A number of Colony Open Bowls Championship and League matches were played off yesterday.

In the two Open Colony Singles games played in Kowloon, J. H. Tindall lost to G. N. Norman 10-12 on the 22nd head, while G. A. Gutierrez polished off E. R. Rosset on the 10th head, 22 to 9 shots.

In the Open Pairs, C. Pope and G. Perkins lost to J. Luz and R. Luz (last year runners-up) 9 to 31 shots on the 20th head.

The singles match at the KCC between Tindall and Norman was a one-sided affair, with both bowlers playing on an equal footing until the 18th head when Tindall was leading Norman 10 to 15.

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## One Of The Richest Golf Tournaments Gets Going Today

Laval-Sur-Le-Lac, Quebec, Aug. 19.

One of the world's richest golf tournaments — which is not even played for money — gets underway here tomorrow with the greatest international field ever assembled ready to tee off at 6 p.m. GMT.

Fifty par-busting golfers from around the world ripped the lovely Laval-Sur-Le-Lac Golf Club to shreds in practice rounds for a prelude to the second annual Canada Cup matches.

Representing 23 nations, they will try to maintain their superb efforts during the three-day tournament.

It will be 72 holes, played by 11 foursomes and two threesomes over this 6,889-yard, par 72 lake-side layout with the two-man team with the best final score winning the \$9,000, 97-lb. Canada Cup for its country.

Friday's round will be 18-holes with a similar round scheduled for Sunday and a 36-hole final set for the next day. The draw for the second, third and fourth rounds will be made by pairing the teams with the best scores in the previous round.

CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE

John Hopkins, the founder and President of the International Golf Association and sponsor of the Canada Cup and Hopkins Trophy tournaments, termed the matches a "conservative estimate."

The industrialist, who builds jet aircraft in Montreal among many other ventures, conceived the matches as a means of furthering international goodwill through his favourite sport. He pays the expenses of everyone involved plus a \$500 gift to each competitor, and as outlay for universal amity he considers the money to be well spent.

England's long-hitting Harry Westman and his youthful partner, Peter Allis, start proceedings off when they meet Spain's colourful pair of Carlos Celles and Sebastian Miguel.

After that it will be a new foursome on the first tee every five minutes until the 10 others are away. They will be followed by the Welsh, Egyptian and Belgian pairs split up into threesomes with Billy Reade, Norman Aly and Flory Von Dongk going first, followed by Harry Gould, Sherif Said and Arthur de Valder.

66, 67, 68  
The defending champion squad from Argentina, Roberto, de

## ROYAL H.K. DEFENCE FORCE ORDERS

Serial No. 33. Orders by Lieutenant Colonel O. F. Newton Dunn, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated August 17, 1954.

Force Orders

Command—Lieut. Col. O. F. Newton Dunn assumes the appointment of Commandant R.H.K.D.F. from August 17, 1954, during the absence of Colonel L. T. Ride, CBE, ED, from the Colony.

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## OLD STYLE WEST BROM LOOK THE BEST BET

Says DENNIS HART

Midst a confusion of new ideas, methods and schemes, football reappears on the English sporting scene on August 21.

Never has a season caused such speculation. World Cup repercussions abound everywhere. Already plans have been made to pick an England side to beat World Champions Germany. And the match is four and a half months away.

League clubs, too, from the First Division big guns to the small arms of the Third Division, are falling over themselves to foreignise the game that England gave the world.

With all this hustle and bustle the task of picking the likely League Champions seems more hazardous than usual. In fact, it's easier. For players cannot switch to a new style overnight. New ideas will take time to work out.

This season, then, looks to be a good year for "tried and trusted" methods. Clubs sticking to well-practised styles will kick off with a big advantage.

Not unnaturally, these clubs are the more successful ones of last season, so they have a good chance of gaining further honours.

Brightest of all, I fancy, are the chances of West Bromwich Albion. Five months ago West Brom were hailed as the team of the century. They looked like achieving something no other side has achieved this century—the Cup and League double.

They failed, but how narrowly. They beat Preston 3-2 to win the Cup and were only second in the League table to Wolves.

Were they then the team of the century? From the spectators' viewpoint, I don't think so. True, they introduced a Continental style long before the Hungarians came over to show Britain how soccer should be played. But that idea, the dual centre forward plan operated by Ronnie Allen and Johnny Nicholson, was effective rather than spectacular.

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## Violent Reaction To Shirai-Perez Title Fight

Manila, Aug. 19.

The managers of the three leading contenders for the World Flyweight Boxing Championship, at present held by Yoshio Shirai of Japan, are to protest to the World Championship Committee against the fight between Shirai and Pascual Perez of the Argentines, ranked as tenth challenger, in December being recognized as for the world title.

News from Buenos Aires that Shirai's manager was asking the Committee to recognize the fight as for the title brought violent reaction from Jim Wickes, manager of Jake Tull, ranked as second challenger, now here for his fight tomorrow with Espinosa of the Philippines, classed as first challenger for the world title.

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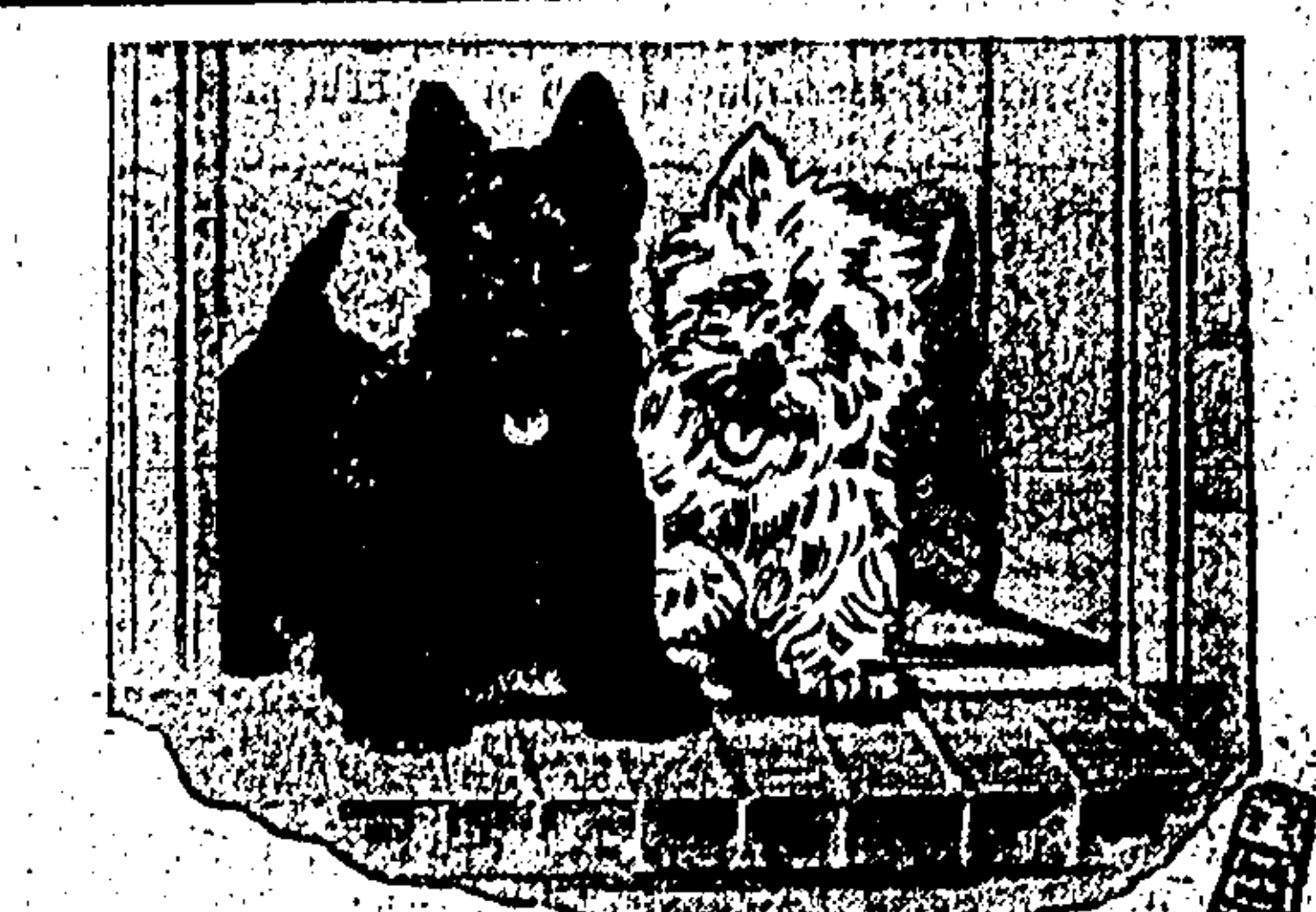
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